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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NPIC Briefing for Messrs. William Darden and William Woodruff

1. On this date, Mr. John Warner and [] accompanied Mr. William Darden, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and Mr. William Woodruff, of the Senate Appropriations Committee staff, to a briefing on the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC). The briefing was given at NPIC by Mr. Art Lundahl, D/NPIC. Mr. Henry Knoche, Assistant to the Director, and [] OCI, were also in attendance and participated in the briefing. Several members of Mr. Lundahl's staff, including his Deputy, [] were in attendance. The briefing lasted approximately two and a half hours.

2. Mr. Lundahl gave a full presentation which covered the establishment and history of the development of NPIC from its inception to the present. He discussed the organization of the Center and pointed out the participation and working relationship between the Agency and various service elements there. He discussed the function which the Center serves and its relationship to the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR).

3. Mr. Lundahl's presentation included NPIC coverage of the Soviet Union, Cuba, and Communist China. Specific examples of photographic coverage of various parts of these areas were shown. He discussed systems in use and described their advantages and distinctions.

4. In view of past discussions involving projections of substantial NPIC requirements for funds, personnel and space, it was decided that Mr. Knoche would speak to these staff men regarding current Agency views on these matters. In this connection, Mr. Knoche covered certain

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of the points which shall be contained in the CIA-DOD JHRC report and indicated that, as it now stands, further additional space facilities for NPIC are not anticipated. He pointed out that the primary objectives of the JHRC report are: to reduce, where possible, the demands which are being placed on NPIC by dividing workloads within the Community; to reduce unwarranted duplication within the Community; and to reduce the earlier forecasts of the number of imagery interpreters. Mr. Knoche explained, in addition, that the Agency plans to arrange with DOD authorities ways to apportion the costs of the Center more equitably between the Agency and the various service elements.

5. The briefing was very well received by both Darden and Woodruff, who raised several questions during the presentation. Mr. Darden asked about the Soviet ABM system. He was interested in why there was no disagreement with regard to the Moscow system while there apparently was substantial disagreement in the intelligence community regarding the Tallin system. [redacted] addressed himself to this question to Mr. Darden's apparent satisfaction. Mr. Woodruff asked for a brief explanation of the mounting of an individual mission from its beginning to its conclusion. This was handled by Mr. Lundahl.

6. Mr. Lundahl concluded the presentation by inviting Darden and Woodruff to return to the Center at their earliest convenience. He indicated that he would be happy to go into as much detail as these gentlemen wished on any one of the many facets of NPIC's activities. Both men expressed an interest in a return visit and thanked Mr. Lundahl and the other participants for an excellent briefing.

7. Mr. Darden and Mr. Woodruff lunched at NPIC prior to their return to the Hill.

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